

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of October 1, 2013, meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:32.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, , Kathleen Paterson, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

2. Minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting were approved.

3. The committee voted to add an agenda item concerning bow hunting.

Old Business

4. *Mansfield Tomorrow* Jennifer updated the committee on upcoming events in this project.

New Business

5. *Bow hunting on Town-owned fields* The committee discussed potential legal and liability issues if the Town allows hunting to prevent crop damage on Town-owned fields. The committee recommends that the Town Council consider revising the Town's agriculture lease to allow hunting to prevent crop damage. A question remains about whether the lessee or the Town would sign the permit and to what extent the Town would be liable.

6. *Executive Session* The committee voted to go into executive session at 7:49 and to come out of executive session at 8:25. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

7. *Coordination with Other Agriculture Commissions* Jennifer asked if a committee member could attend regional agriculture committee meetings. An annual meeting will be held in March.

8. *Outreach Projects* The committee discussed sponsoring another farmer forum. Saturday, February 22 was discussed as a possible date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. Next meeting on November 5.